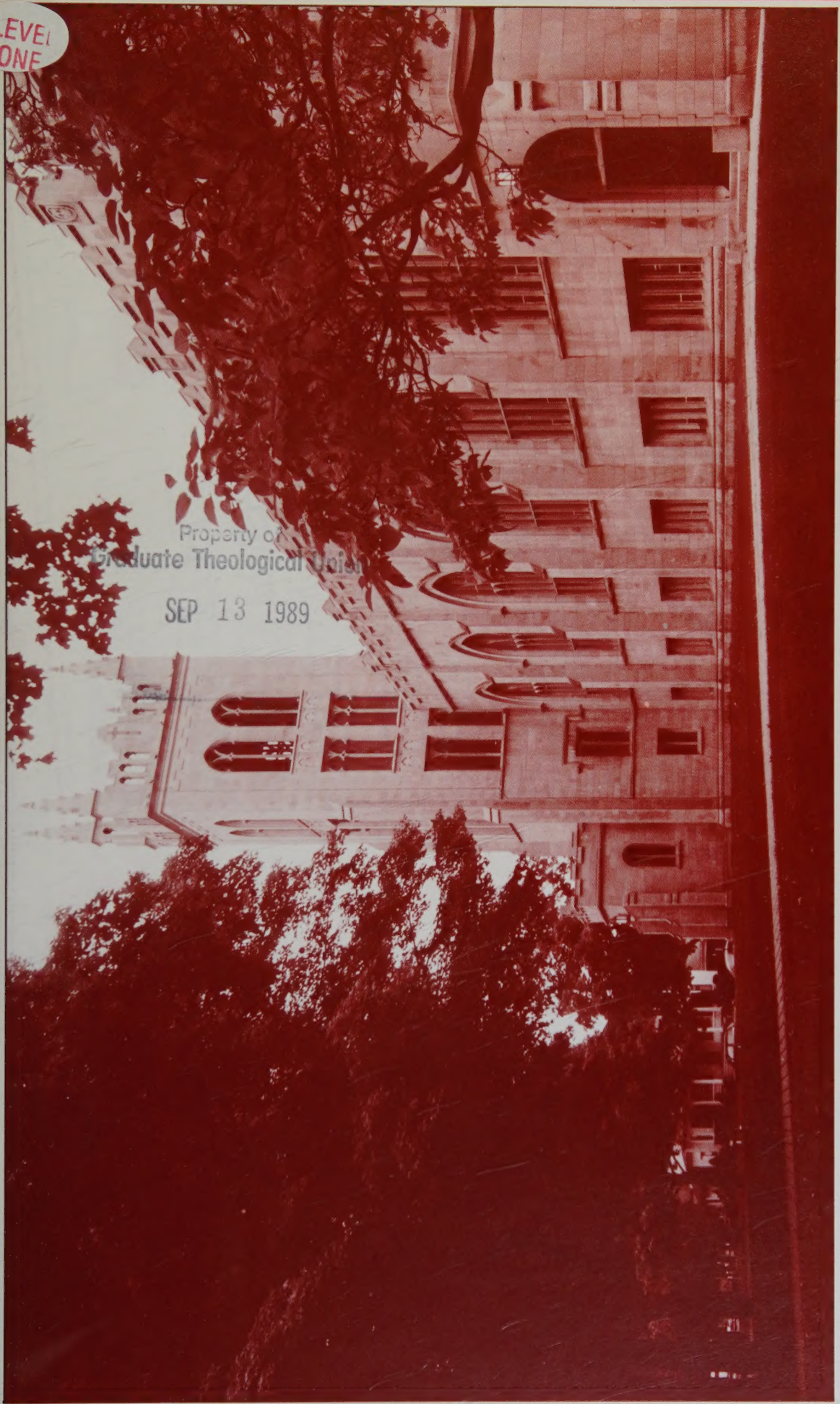




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1985 Christian Youth Witness Program

For Individuals

Awards will be given for the most significant article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, cartoon, or activity. The entry must be developed, written, or released after February 28, 1984, and must be submitted by February 28, 1985.

The entry of an article, editorial, poster, black and white photograph, or cartoon must include a tear sheet from the publication in which it was printed together with date and name of publication or a statement showing date and place of exhibition. The entry of a talk must include a cassette tape of the actual presentation, indicating the date and place of presentation.

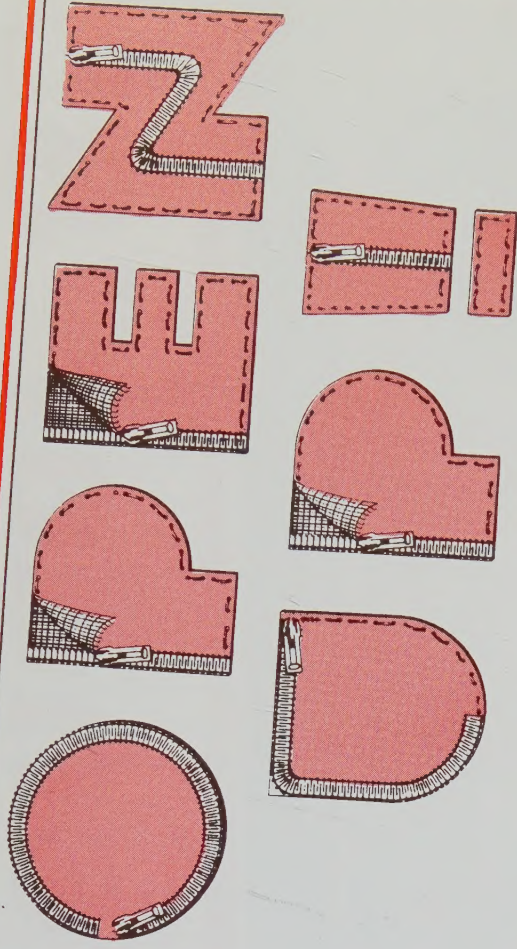
For Societies

Awards will be given for the sponsoring and reporting of a significant completed Christian witness project by a Christian Endeavor society or similar youth group. The project is to be commenced after February 28, 1984, and must be reported by February 28, 1985.

Entries will be submitted on a trimester report form. Winning societies or youth groups will be asked to submit photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc., which describe the winning youth witness project or projects.

Deadline for mailing entries is February 28, 1985.

Write to the
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P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216, for additional information.



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Christian Endeavor Week

January



Northport Christian Church Endeavorers with Christian Youth Witness Award Plaques.

Each year young people around the world celebrate the anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor with a series of special activities. Christian Endeavor Week has been observed since 1914. At the 1913 Los Angeles International Convention the week, including the Sunday before and the Sunday after February 2 each year, was officially set apart as Christian Endeavor Week. This year January 27-February 3 has been designated as Christian Endeavor Week to commemorate the founding of the Christian Endeavor movement by Francis E. Clark, February 2, 1881, at the Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine.

January Dates

- 4-6** New Jersey Winter Happening, Camp Bernie, New Jersey
- 25-27** Michigan Ski-ee Weekend, Clear Lake Camp, Dowling, Michigan
- 27** Christian Endeavor Week begins

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Christian Youth Witness

February



Fairlington Presbyterian Church Juniors, first-place winners in the 1984 Christian Youth Witness Program.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor offers a unique program which is designed to challenge young people to make an active commitment of their Christian faith. The Christian Youth Witness Program offers an opportunity for Christian youth to give witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and to serve together for Christ and the Church as they minister to needs of friends, family, and community.

Both individuals and youth groups are encouraged to participate in this witness program. The deadline for mailing entries is February 28, 1985.

February Dates

- 1-2** Oregon State C.E. Celebration, Shiloh Retreat, Dexter, Oregon
- 2** Birthday of Christian Endeavor
- 2** Maryland Alumni Dinner, Dan Dee Restaurant, Frederick, Maryland
- 3** Christian Endeavor Week ends
- 23** Poling Alumni Dinner, Cleveland, Ohio
- 28** **Deadline for mailing Christian Youth Witness entries and Sermon Contest entries**

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March

Confession of Christ



Pennsylvania Endeavorers participating in a Summer Assembly service.

An Endeavorer confesses Jesus Christ as his or her personal Lord and Savior. This belief in Jesus Christ is expressed in daily living, in arranging time for regular daily prayer and Bible study, and by witnessing openly to others as opportunities occur.

For an individual's spiritual growth it is important to exemplify Jesus Christ in all areas of our personal lives. The first principle of Christian Endeavor encourages personal allegiance to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and open confession of His name.

March Dates

- 2 Canadian Executive Meeting, Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario
- 15-16 New Jersey Leadership Development Conference, America's Keswick, Whiting, New Jersey
- 14-17 Washington State Convention, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Everett, Washington
- 15-17 West Virginia Winter Happening, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia
- 28-31 Oregon State Convention, Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone, Oregon

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April

Service For Christ



Felecia Rawley and Tracy Matthews sharing in the Southern Region Conference at Montreat.

Serving Christ involves the devotion of heart and life. Growth in Christian faith stimulates the dedication to Him of time, resources, and abilities. Each person develops spiritually through seeking God's will and obeying His direction. A Christian Endeavor society provides training for Christian service; the Endeavorer becomes a functioning Christian through "learning by doing."

April Dates

- 8** Welsh National Convention, Barry, Glamorgan, Wales
- 12-14** Scottish National Convention, Kirkcaldy, Scotland
- 12-14** Washington State Officers Retreat, Lost Creek, Chinook Pass, Washington
- 20** Tennessee Endeavorers Spiritual Time, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee
- 25-26** International Society Finance Committee, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
- 26-27** International Society Executive Committee, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
- 26-27** Oregon State Officers Retreat, Westside Church of Christ, Eugene, Oregon
- 27** Maryland Alumni Dinner, Dan Dee Restaurant, Frederick, Maryland
- 29-30** World's Union Executive Committee Meeting, Liberty Corner, New Jersey

Loyalty To Christ's Church

May



World's Union leaders at the Fellowship Deaconry, Liberty Corners, New Jersey

A Christian Endeavor society is in the church, of the church, and for the church. One of its principal objectives is to bring the young people into the work of the church. The primary purpose of Christian Endeavor is to train young people for service of Christ through the church. The motto "For Christ and the Church" indicates support and loyalty to the local church. This means dependable, consistent support with time, talents, and tithes. Loyalty to one's own church includes attendance at the regular services and will result in assuming responsibility in various areas of the church program.

May Dates

- 3-4** Pennsylvania Spring Executive Committee Meeting
- 4-5** Ohio State Convention, Camp McPherson, Loudonville, Ohio
- 11** Ontario Christian Endeavor Day, Knox Presbyterian Church, Welland, Ontario, Canada
- 17-18** New Jersey Dunganee Conference, Ocean City, New Jersey
- 17-19** Washington State Young Adult Retreat, Lost Creek, Chinook Pass, Washington
- 25-27** New York State Convention
- 25-28** British National Convention, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England

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June

Fellowship With Christ's People



Dr. Albert Luka, Edith van Viegen, and Bishop A. A. Akpan.

The experience of enjoying fellowship with other Christians is gained by giving and sharing. The Christian Endeavor society provides opportunities for young people to share in Christ-centered programs locally, nationally, and worldwide. An atmosphere of warmth and friendship attracts unchurched young people, encouraging them to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Christian fellowship, like Christian Endeavor, is international, interdenominational, and interracial.

Fellowship is a privilege we enjoy in the church. There is a real sense of belonging to one another and having a sense of responsibility for the needs of others. Christian Endeavor encourages fellowship with all of Christ's people.

June Dates

- 16-22** Washington State Summer Conference, Camp McCullough, Kent, Washington
- 17-20** West Virginia State Convention, Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia

July

The Christian Endeavor Pledge



Texas Christian Endeavor officers, Amy Vaupel, Michelle Jackson, Marsha Cantrell and Mark Smith.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day, and to support the work and worship of my own church in every way possible; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life."

The Christian Endeavor Pledge is a personal covenant between the Endeavorer and Jesus Christ, and is at the heart and center of the Christian Endeavor movement. It is a standard of character and action. It commits a Christian to the life style that should be the standard for every believer.

July Dates

- 1-5** 58th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Hope College, Holland, Michigan
- 2** International Society Board of Trustees Meeting, Hope College, Holland, Michigan
- 3** International Society Corporation Meeting, Hope College, Holland, Michigan
- 22-27** Alabama Camp, Camp Chula Vista, Pell City, Alabama
- 28-Aug. 3** New Jersey Summer Conference

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August

The Quiet Hour



Pennsylvania Endeavorers sharing in a Quiet time.

In our Christian Endeavor Pledge we read: "I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read the Bible every day . . ." The Quiet Hour is a time (at least fifteen minutes) set aside each day for prayer, Bible study, quiet meditation, and direct communication with God. The Christian life must be nourished by prayer, Bible study, and communion with our Lord. A time alone, daily, draws us into a closer, vital relationship with our Savior.

August Dates

- 1-4** German National Convention
Ludwigshafen/Rhein, Germany
- 4-10** St. Louis-Missouri Camp,
Camp Derricotte, Missouri
- 5-10** Pennsylvania Summer Assembly,
Lock Haven University,
Lock Haven, Pennsylvania
- 6-10** Virginia State Convention,
Bridgewater College, Bridgewater,
Virginia
- 10-17** New York State Summer Assembly
- 11-17** Oregon Summer Conference, Camp
Christian, Springfield, Oregon
- 16-18** Golden Rule Annual Conference,
Brethren Service Center,
New Windsor, Maryland
- 24** Illinois Alumni Dinner, Chicago area
- 30-Sept. 1** Texas State Convention/Worker's
Conference, Valley Christian Camp

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September

The Tenth Legion



New England Christian Endeavor Alumni.

The Tenth Legion, emphasizing personal stewardship, is a fellowship of tithers within the Christian Endeavor movement. It is solely a fellowship of those who have caught the spirit of sacrifice and place Jesus Christ first in their lives and in the use of their finances.

Christian tithing is an act of faith. It is setting aside at least the first tenth of your income for God's work—in full confidence and trust in Him. No rules are laid down for the individual—each member determines these matters for himself with His Lord.

"Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered Him . . ." (I Corinthians 16:2).

September Dates

- 6-7 New Jersey Autumn Excitement
- 20-22 Irish National Convention,
Portadown, Northern Ireland
- 21 Ohio Fall Rally

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The Lifework Recruit



J. S. Delvis, B. K. Pramanik, and Clyde Sherk.

"Fulltime Christian service" is the call that has come to many young people in Christian Endeavor. A Lifework Recruit is one who is conscious of the working of the Holy Spirit in his own life. He is impressed with the fact that the Holy Spirit is calling him out into fields of definite employed service for Christ and the Church. With this call upon him, he waits upon God for guidance as he shapes the plans of his life so that he may give himself wholly to the service of Christ and the Church.

October Dates

- 1-3** International Society Educational Committee Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- 3** International Society Finance Committee Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
- 3-6** International Society Board of Trustees Meeting, Quality Inn, Columbus, Ohio
- 14** World's Union Finance Committee Meeting, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
- 14-16** World's Union Board of Trustees Meeting, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
- 18-19** West Virginia Fall Retreat, Jackson's Mill, West Virginia
- 19** New Jersey Annual Convention, Ashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Voorhees, New Jersey
- 19** Eastern New York Regional Conference
- 19** Ohio Adult/Alumni Banquet
- 26** Maryland Alumni Dinner, Dan Dee Restaurant, Frederick, Maryland
- 26-27** Western New York Regional Conference

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The Consecration Meeting



Texas Junior Endeavorers

At the heart of the Christian Endeavor society is the Consecration Meeting. This meeting provides incentive for spiritual growth, while at the same time is a means of measuring spiritual growth. Both of these elements are essential to establishing young people firmly in their Christian faith.

It should be remembered that the Consecration Meeting is a deeply spiritual experience and should be made a very serious matter. Each member should respond to his name at the roll call with an expression of renewed loyalty to Christ. The society that prayerfully observes the Consecration Meeting is usually the society that is successful in winning other young people to Christ and the Church.

November Dates

- 1-3 Southern Region Conference,
Montreat, North Carolina
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December

Worldwide Christian Endeavor



Korean Endeavorers during their annual Christian Endeavor conference.

As Christian Endeavor spread to other lands, many national Christian Endeavor unions were formed. At present Christian Endeavor operates in seventy-six nations and islands and is used by eighty-three different denominational groups.

The World's Christian Endeavor Union was organized in 1885. Its purpose is to unite in closer fellowship the Christian Endeavorers of the world, to promote the interest of the Christian Endeavor movement, to reinforce the Christian churches in every land, and to cement the spiritual union of Christians around the world.

World conventions are held quadrennially, subject to world conditions. The next World's Convention will be in Seoul, Korea, August 6-9, 1986.

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Dimnent Memorial Chapel, Hope College, Holland, Michigan, location for the mass sessions of the 58th International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 1-5, 1985. The auditorium houses a four-manual Shinner organ and a 17th century Dutch tracker organ.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH WITNESS

Endeavorers, both individuals and groups, are encouraged to enter the 1985 Christian Youth Witness Program. Suggestions for projects and deadline dates for submitting entries are given.

1985 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CALENDAR

A monthly pictorial calendar, highlighting the program of Christian Endeavor and listing 1985 dates of upcoming state, provincial, national and international activities.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President Rothenberger shares his thoughts on "The Four Spiritual Flaws" suggested by Dr. Charles Swindoll.

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The President's Corner

"The Four Spiritual Flaws"

Recently Dr. Charles Swindoll spoke at Wheaton College saying, "The four spiritual flaws" are what ails many Christian people today. It seems to me that many people forget that spiritual growth is a life-long process and expect a "happily-ever-after" experience once they accept Christ as their Savior and Lord. Perhaps we should wear a badge that I saw at a youth conference that had these letters scattered on it, PBPGINFWMY. These letters mean, "Please be patient, God is not finished with me yet."

The four spiritual flaws Dr. Swindoll spoke of are an excellent reminder of a way to overcome faulty expectations of self and others. They are:

- 1) "Because you are a Christian, all your problems are solved."
- 2) "All your problems are specifically addressed in Scripture."
- 3) "If you struggle with problems, you are unspiritual."
- 4) "Being exposed to sound teaching automatically solves problems."

Certainly, the Christian faith teaches that a believer in Christ becomes "a new being." However, the world doesn't become new. Problems don't go away just because a person believes in Christ. On the contrary, the person who believes the power of the Holy Spirit through faith in the Living Christ gains a new perspective on life and can endure problems, but the problems themselves are still very much with him or her.

Dr. Swindoll said that some specific answers to some specific problems are given in Scripture but certainly not every problem known to mankind is addressed specifically. What the Bible does provide is general principles and points the reader to a living Lord and Guide who will enable the believer to persevere in all life situations. The basic principle of life throughout the Bible, for all problems, is to love God with your whole being (heart, mind, and strength) and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. When we all learn to do that, and only then, will problems disappear.

Some of the most significant teachers and leaders in my life have endured struggle throughout their lives. It is a flaw to believe that just because a person has to struggle with temptation, illness, misunderstanding or anything else, he or she is not spiritual. To struggle for truth and what is right doesn't mean you are unspiritual, it does mean you are human.

Finally, sound teaching, theological guidelines, and the Bible all by themselves will not automatically solve your problems. Just to hear the Bible read or to sit within hearing range of great teaching and preaching will not make our problems go away. Theology and sound teaching are tools by which believers shape and mold their lives, they are not a guarantee that difficulties will disappear. Sound teaching is like a road map, it can provide the route of one's life, however, each of us must take the trip for ourselves. In ten years some people have ten years of spiritual growth experience—others have one year, ten times.

May the Living God enable you to avoid the four spiritual flaws so that you may grow to your full potential as a child of God.

Christian Endeavor Program Aids



Materials alone don't ensure a vital youth program. They can't make up for lack of planning and hard work — but they do provide ideas. They can't do the job alone — but when dedicated, concerned leaders use them properly, they will be invaluable aids for a successful program.

The International Society provides such tools to assist the local church and its leaders in developing a meaningful youth group. To have an effective Christian Endeavor society in your church, your group should be equipped with the aids pictured above.

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Colorful three ring binders containing three years of resource materials are available for both youth and junior age levels. These binders are available without charge upon request.

Youth

2. Resource Packets

Packets are provided three times each year for groups and individuals requesting them. Each packet contains help for the sponsor, society planning and group activities, and topics for discussion.

Junior Resource

3. Packets

Packets are similar to the Youth Packets in format but are geared especially to young people sixth grade and under. A special junior sponsor section is found in each packet.

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